Estimated demand of LPG in the country

660. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present estimated demand of LPG in the country; and

(b) what steps Government are taking to meet the requirement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) (a) and (b). The total estimated demand of LPG during 1988-89 is 1.97 million MT. It is proposed to meet it from the estimated indigenous production of 1.75 million MT and imports to the extent of shortfall.

Import of Liquified Natural Gas

661. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to import liquified natural gas (LNG); and

(b) if so, what quantity is to be imported and how it is likely to be used?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) LNG import in future and its use will depend upon tech-no-economic viability and other relevant factors.

Petrochemical Complex at Hazira

662. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have cleared the porposal to set up a petrochemical complex at Hazira in the State sector, if so, whether Governnient of Gujarat has been issued* the necessary licence, if not, what are the reasons for the delay and by when a decision is likely to be taken;

(b) whether Government have cleared a Petrochemical* complex in the private sector either in Maharashtra or Gujarat and whether natural gas has been committed and at what price; and

(c) whether there is also an application for a gas cracker project in South Gujarat, if so, at what stage of consideration is the application pending?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) A letter of intent has been issued on 25-11-88 to M/s Reliance Industries Ltd. for the setting up of a petrochemicals complex at Hazira for the manufacture of ethylene, propylene and Butadiene.

This Complex is based on natural gas liquid (NGL) and naphtha as feed stock. No other petrochemical complex has been cleared in the private Sector either in Maharashtra or in Gujarat based on natural gas.

Sale of imported Drugs by IDPL

663. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY:
SHRI BHAGAT RAM MANHAR.

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the drugs and intermediates imported by IDPL and sold to the actual users during the last three years, yearwise;

(b) what is the quantity of each drug imported and sold during the last three years, yearwise and what was the import price and what was the sale price for each;

(c) whether these itmes were permitted for import to IDPL as an actual user or for sale;

(d) Whether IDPL violated any of the conditions subject to which imports were allowed; and